Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names.

Mr. President, Messrs-Baker, Barber, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crosby, Crill, Denham, Fuller, Dimick. Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Roberts. Wadsworth, Wilson.

Sams, Williams,

Answering roll call-29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following committee on the part of the Senate, under House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, as amended by the Senate:

Messrs. McLin, Hooker, and Bynum.

# INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, introduced the following resolution: Senate Resolution No. 9:

Resolved by the Senate, That the President and Commandant of Cadets of the Florida Agricultural College be and are hereby invited to visit the Capitol during the present session of the Legislature, with the cadets of that institution, and make such military exhibit as they may desire.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, moved the adoption of the resolution Which was agreed to.

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Memorial No. 106:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting an appropriation for the Construction of a lighthouse at or near Hillsborough Inlet on the East Coast of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the

Committee on State Affairs.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2169, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, in relation to State Banks, regulating capital stock and par value of shares.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary

Committee.

By Mr. Reeves:

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect log brands in this State.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Oaganization.

By Mr. Gaillard:

Senate Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a brigade of naval reserves to be known as "The Florida Naval Reserves."

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 110:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on Militia.

By Mr. Palmer of 14th:

Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the use of writs of error and scire facias in and to provide for, simplify and regulate appeals from Justices of the Peace and County Judges' Courts to the Circuit Court, in civil matters.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary

Committee.

#### CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18:

Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Board of State Institutions be requested to change, modify or recast, if possible and practicable, that portion of the contract with the State Printer, embraced in "Class B," in reference to printing the Legislative Journals, so as to have the Journal printed in pamphlet form in lieu of the form for which contract was made.

Was taken up and read the second time in full. Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13 was so certified.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Blitch moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading. Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives, Tallabassee, Fla., April 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of Levy County by contract and to provide penalties for failure thereof.

Very respectfully,

## WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And Senate Bill No. 8, contained in the above messag was referred to the committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives—was read:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

The report of the Joint Committee of Conference upon the Senate amendment to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, relative to the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer and have concurred in Senate amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

#### WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1899...

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Memorial No. 11:

To the Congress of the United States relative to the duty on cattle imported into Porto Rico from the State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate-therein.

Very respectfully, WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 11, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that House Memorial No. 11 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Memorial No. 11 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be further waived and that House Memorial No. 11 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Memorial No. 11 was read a third time in full. Upon call of the roll on the passage of the memorial the vote was:

Barber. Yeas-Messrs-Baker, Blitch, Broome, Carson. Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Dimick. Fuller. Harris. Hendley. Hooker, McCaskill, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Reeves. Roberts. Sams. Wadsworth. Williams.

Wilson.

Yeas-24.

Nays-None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 17:

To be entitled an act to prohibit the manufacture, importation, sale or gift of cigarettes or eigarette paper in the State of Florida, and to provide penalties for its violation.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate

therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 17, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read.

House of Representatives. Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 124:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

## Very respectfully,

## WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 124, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Barber moved that the reports of committees be spread on the Journal, and the bills therein contained take their proper place on the Calendar.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Denham, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred:

House Memorial to Congress No. 41:

Asking that pensions be granted to the survivors of the Indian wars in Florida from 1842 to 1858, and the widows of those who have died.

Beg leave to report that thye have had the same under

consideration and recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAS. S. DENHAM,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Memorial No. 41, Contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Militia, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Militia to whom was referred—Rouse Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for military expenses incurred by the State during the war with Spain.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend

that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 55, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Broome, Chairm n of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—Your Committee on Railroads to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 85:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the powers, rights,

privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company.

Have carefully considered the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendment, to-wit:

Strike out the figures "1903" in the last line of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "1901."

Very respectfully,

#### JAMES E. BROOME,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 85, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Also,

House Bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act permitting parties to suits or their attorneys to examine jurors on their Voir Dire.

Have considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 50 and House Bill No. 19, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of bicycle paths, and to provide penalties for trespass thereon.

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate without

recommendation.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 91, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons, and the manufacture and sale of slung shots and metallic knuckles, providing a penalty therefor, and to repeal Chapter 4124, Acts of 1893, relating to the carrying of concealed weapons.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2421, Chapter 3, Article 5, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relative to carrying of concealed weapons.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the carrying of frearms and other weapons.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they do not pass.

Very Respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS.

Chairman of Committee,

And Senate Bills Nos. 3, 26 and 48, contained in the abovereport, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

• Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent habitual drunkards or persons addited to the use of opium, chloral, cocaine or any of their preparations or any drug or substance calculated to deprive a person of his reason, from practicing medicine, surgery or obstetrics in the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the

same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 40, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2479 and

2480, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the forgery of certain instruments and uttering same.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 982, Chapter 6, Article 1, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to infants, lunatics, etc.

Also,

House Bill No. 27:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 4383, Laws of Florida, being an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in counties where County Courts have not been established.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully.

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 87 and 92 and House Bill No. 27, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chaires, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April, 18, 1898.

Hon. Frank Adams.

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

House Memorial No. 42:

Memorial to the Commissioner of Agriculture of the United States asking that experiments be required in the interest of cattle owners in certain districts in this State receive attention by the Department of Agriculture of the United States.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined same

and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

T. P. CHAIRES,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Memorial No. 42, contained in the above rereport, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading. Mr. Bynum, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

> Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 74:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4065 (No. 56), Laws of Florida, Acts 1891, entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads in the County of Orange and State of Florida.

Also.

Senate Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for keeping all public roads and streets in the limits of cities and towns having less than three thousand inhabitants in good repair.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring owners of fences crossing public highways to construct gates, and to grade the road approaching said gates, and providing a penalty for failure so to do.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills No. 74, 90 and 81, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Bynum, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber. Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 51:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 4581, being an act to repeal Chapter 4218, being an act to organize a County Court in and for Citrus County, and prescribe the terms thereof.

Also, House Bill No. 49:

To be entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open any roads and to condemn the right of way for same in the County of Brevard, State of Florida, and giving to said county certain rights and privileges authorizing the levy of a special tax in each commissioner's district and providing the method by which said tax shall be levied and expended.

Beg leave to report that they have given the same due consideration and would respectfully recommend that they do

pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 51 and 49, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Special Committee on Clerical Aid, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber. Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Special Committee on Clerical Aid, to whom was referred—

House Resolution No. 28:

Herewith return the same with the request that it be referred to the Committee on Visiting State Institutions, of which Mr. McLin is chairman.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 28, contained in the above report, was referred to the special committee, of which Mr. McLin is chairman. Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act to cause to be audited and paid the account of James C. Porter, proprietor and manager of the Ocala Evening Star, a newspaper published in the City of Ocala, Florida, his charges for publishing the tax sales list of real estate once each week for four consecutive weeks, of Marion County, State of Florida, for the year A. D. 1896, based on warrant of assessment made under the provisions of Chapter 4332, Laws of Florida, for the year 1896.

Have examined the same and find it to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 41, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber, Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Memorial No. 64:

A memorial to Congress asking that the County of Levy be changed from the Northern to the Southern Federal Judicial District.

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Senate Memorial No. 37:

To our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in reference to a duty on Egyptian or long staple cotton, or the importation thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of tax certificates now held or may hereafter be held by the State of Florida after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax certificate.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with amendments of Mr. Hooker, as follows:

In line 20, between the words "convey the," insert the words "confirm and defend the title to.'

Mr. Hooker withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 59:

Insert in printed bill, line 20, between the words "convey" and "the" the words "confirm, and will warrant and defend against the claims of all persons whomsoever the title to."

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which-

Mr. McLin moved that further consideration of Senate Bill No. 59 be laid over till Friday under orders of the day; Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto, approved May 25, 1895.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 67:

In lieu of Section 5, insert:

Section 5, The Tropical Development and Navigation Company, shall, on the completion of its system of canals, execute a bond in the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, payable to the Governor of the State of Florida, as a guarantee for the purpose of keeping the canals, asconstructed, open for drainage for the period of twenty years from the expiration of its charter as extended by this act.

Change Section 5 to Section 6.

Change Section 6 to Section 7.

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 67, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Mr. McCaskill moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 45, which had been laid on table subject to call, be now taken up. Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 45:

A Joint Resoution proposing an amendment to Section S, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of Circuit Judges.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45:

Strike out the word "seven" and the figure "7" in 10th line of Section 8, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Eight (8)."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 45, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

A committee from the House of Representatives announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint session to consolidate the vote cast for United States Senator in each body yesterday, and to proceed to the election of a United States Senator in joint session, if none had been elected.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th, moved that the Senate take a recess until five minutes to 12 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

At 11:55 o'clock

The Senate re-assembled. The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Crosby, Myers, O'Brien, Messrs-Denham, Palmer of 14th, Daker, Dimick, Palmer of 11th, Barber, Fuller, Gaillard, Reeves, Plitch, Roger, Wadsworth, Harris, Broome, Hooker, Bynum, Williams, Carson, McCaskill, Wilson-28. McCreary, Chaires, Crill, McLin,

A quorum present.

The hour of 12 O'clock having arrived,

The President announced that the Senate would now proceed in a body to the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of going into a joint session for the purpose of electing a United States Senator.

## JOINT SESSION, APRIL 19, 1899.

At 12 o'clock the Senate entered the hall of the House of Representatives, and was received by the House.

President Adams in the chair.

The President ordered the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate.

Upon call of the roll, the following Senators answered to

their names:

Mr. President, Denham, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Messrs-Dimick, Fuller, Palmer of 11th, Baker, Barber, Gaillard, Reeves, Harris, Roberts, Blitch, Broome, Hendley, Rogers, Sams, Hooker, Bynum, Wadsworth, McCaskill, Carson, Williams, McCreary, Chaires, Wilson-31. Crill, McLin, Myers, Crosby,

A quorum of the Senate present.

By request of the President, the Speaker of the House ordered the roll of the House called.

Upon call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Hill Mr. Speaker, Pelot, Hopkins, Messrs. Baggett, Persons, Bowen, Horsford. Pons. Bradshaw. Hunter. Raney, Clark, Jackson. Rawls, Chunn, Jordan, Russell, Coleman. King, Sloan, Corbett. Knight, Strickland, Cox, Koonce, Stone, Davant, L'Engle, Turnbull, Denham, Leslie, Wainwright, Dval. Lewis. Walker, McAllister. Edwards. Watson. Goode. McGiffin. Watkins, Griggs. McKeown. Weakley, McMullen, Harvell, Whitner, MacWilliams, Healy. Wilder. Morse. Harp, Williams, Overstreet. Hendry of Lee, Willis, Hendry of Polk, Palmer, Wills, Parrish, Henry. Wilson.Hilliard. Patillo. Zewadski,

Total-66.

A quorum of the House present.

The Journal of the Senate in relation to the ballot taken for United States Senator yesterday was read.

The Journal of the House in relation to the ballot for United States Senator was read.

The Secretary of the Senate announced that the total number of votes cast for United States Senator in each house of the Legislature yesterday was as follows:

In the Senate the vote was: For James P. Taliaferro, 16 votes. For Samuel Pasco, 13 votes. For Wilkinson Call, 2 votes.

In the House the vote was: For James P. Taliaferro, 30 votes. For Samuel Pasco, 26 votes. For Stephen M. Sparkman, 1 vote. For Frank Clark, 2 votes. Blank, 2 votes.

Consolidated vote:
For James P. Taliaferro, 46 votes.
For Samuel Pasco, 39 votes.
For Wilkinson Call, 8 votes.
For Frank Clark, 2 votes.
For Stephen M. Sparkman, 1 vote.
Blank, 2 votes.

The President declared that no one having received a majority vote for United States Senator, there was no election.

The President made the following announcement for the government of the joint assembly:

1st. On the assembling of the Joint Assembly of Florida, the Senate and House of Representatives lose their identity and become the Joint Assembly.

2nd. A majority of all the members elected to the Legislature of Florida is a quorum for the transaction of business; 100 being the membership, 51 would be the minimum quorum. A majority of the votes cast, a quorum present, will be necessary to a choice for United States Senator.

3rd. After the result of the vote shall be handed to the chair by the Secretary, no member will be recognized until after the vote is announced.

This Joint Assembly was convened by virtue of Sections 14 and 15 of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the purpose of electing a Senator to the Congress of the United States; therefore, any matter not germane to the election of a Senator to the Congress of the United States, will not be entertained by the Chair.

Mr. Myers moved that the joint session proceed to vote for a United States Senator.

Which was agreed to and it was so ordered.

The Secretary called the roll of the Joint Assembly on the ballot for United States Senator and the vote was:

For James P. Taliaferro-Messrs. President Adams, Baker, Barber, Carson, Chaires, Crosby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Speaker McNamee, Baggett, Bowen, Clark, Chunn, Coleman, Corbett, Dyal, Edwards, Goode, Griggs, Harvell, Healy, Hendry of Lee, Hendry of Polk, Henry, Hilliard, Hill, Hunter, Jackson, Jordan, King, Koonce, L'Engle, McGiffin, Morse, Palmer, Parrish, Patillo, Persons, Pons, Russell, Strickland, Wainwright, Whitner, Wilder, Williams (of House), Wills, Wilson (of House). Total, 59.

For Samuel Pasco—Messrs. Blitch, Broome, Crill, Denham (Senate), McCaskill, McCreary, Palmer 14th, Roberts, Williams (Senate), Wilson (Senate), Cox, Davant, Denham (House), Harp, Hopkins, Horsford, Knight, Leslie, Lewis, McAllister, McMullen, Raney, Rawls, Sloan, Stone, Turnbull, Walker, Watkins, Willis, Zewadski. Total—30.

For Wilkinson Call—Messrs.. Bynum, Bradshaw, McKeown, Overstreet, Pelot, Weakly. Total—6.

For Mr. Clark-Mr. McWilliams-1.

Mr. Watson announced that he was paired with Mr. Payne, that if Mr. Payne were present he would vote for Mr. Pasco, and Mr. Watson would vote for Mr. Taliaferro.

The President announced that Hon. James P. Taliaferro having received a majority of those present and voting in the Joint Assembly, was elected a Senator from the State of Florida to the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning March 4th, 1899.

Mr. Clark moved that the President appoint a committee of three to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the election of Hon. James P. Taliaferro as United States Senator.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following as the committee:

Messrs. Clark of Duval, Denham of Jefferson, and Wilder of Hillsborough, which committee retired to perform that duty.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had notified the Governor, who had expressed pleasure at the rapidity with which the work had been performed, and expressed satisfaction at the selection made.

The committee was discharged.

Mr. Watson moved that the President appoint a committee of three to wait upon Hon. James P. Taliaferro, notify him of his election and request that he appear before this Joint Assembly.

Which was agreed to.

The Presdent appointed as such committee: Messrs. Watson of Osceola, Zewadski of Marion, and Healy of Volusia.

Who retired and after a short absence returned accompanied by Mr. Taliaferro, who returned thanks for the great honor conferred upon him and pledged his best efforts to accomplish all that the people might reasonably expect of him.

The committee was discharged.

The Journal of the Joint Assembly was then read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Harris moved that the Joint Assembly having accomplished the purpose for which it had met, do now adjourn, sine die;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Joint Assembly stood adjourned without day.

At 1 P. M. the Senate returned to its Chamber.

'The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs-Barber, Carson, Blitch, Crill. Fuller, Gaillard, Crosby, Hooker, McCaskill, Harris, McCreary, McLin, O'Brien, Wadsworth. Roberts, Sams, Wilson—18.

A quorum present.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 11:30 o'clock A. M. tomorrow

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday at 11:30 o'clock.